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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 17.2%

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 18 — Airline passenger traffic rose 17.2 percent in November, compared with the same month last year, and was up 9.9 percent for the first 11 months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in November increased 19.3 percent. Available seat miles had a gain of 12.1 percent. The load factor was 57.6 percent, up from 54.1 percent in November of 1985.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in November increased 8.3 percent. The available seat miles rose 7.9 percent. The load factor was 55.5 percent, up slightly from 55.3 percent in the same month a year ago.

During the first 11 months of the year, domestic passenger traffic was up 13.2 percent. Available seat miles increased by 12.6 percent. The load factor was 61.2 percent, almost unchanged from 60.9 percent for the same months of last year.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines from January through November declined 2.4 percent. Available seat miles were up 7.2 percent. The load factor was 59.0 percent, falling from 64.8 percent for the first 11 months of 1985.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

NOVEMBER 1986 - 1985

		NOVEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	21,173,144	36,787,553	57.6	248,632,519	406,390,898	61.2
	85	17,741,799	32,808,704	54.1	219,714,534	360,782,340	60.9
PERCENT CHANGE		19.3	12.1		13.2	12.6	
INTERNATIONAL	86	4,514,481	8,135,466	55.5	56,560,939	95,855,234	59.0
	85	4,169,240	7,541,268	55.3	57,943,023	89,394,695	64.8
PERCENT CHANGE		8.3	7.9		(2.4)	7.2	
TOTAL	86	25,687,625	44,923,019	57.2	305,193,458	502,246,132	60.8
	85	21,911,039	40,349,972	54.3	277,657,557	450,177,035	61.7
PERCENT CHANGE		17.2	11.3		9.9	11.6	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA. FRONTIER INCLUDED FOR JAN-JUL 1986/1985.